

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT AND
THE PROVISIONS OF THE LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES ACT AND REPORT
TO THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING PROGRESS
PURSUANT TO THAT ACT.

WHEREAS, the Long-term Care Services Act requires a
coordinated long-term care service delivery system that
supports the choice of consumers to remain in their own homes
and communities; and

WHEREAS, long-term care home and community-based
services remain fragmented and are not fully coordinated by
the state agency on aging, the human services department, the
children, youth and families department and the department of
health; and

WHEREAS, services provided by the state agency on aging,
human services department, children, youth and families

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1 department and department of health to help support the long-
2 term care needs of consumers are not fully integrated; and

3 WHEREAS, the number of individuals with chronic care
4 needs continues to increase at an alarming rate; and

5 WHEREAS, individuals requiring long-term care have
6 little or no access to home health, attendant care, respite
7 care, pre-program of all-inclusive care for the elderly,
8 adult day care, shelter care, transportation and assisted
9 living services; and

10 WHEREAS, medicaid continues to emphasize direct funding
11 to nursing homes as the primary model for delivering long-
12 term care services even though public and private financing
13 is more effectively used in some home- and community-based
14 programs, thereby serving a greater number of individuals;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the unmet long-term care needs of New Mexico's
17 chronic care population has a significant financial impact on
18 the acute care system, the state and the resources of New
19 Mexico families;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the members of the interagency
22 committee on long-term care be informed of the urgent need
23 for a coordinated response to the unresolved long-term care
24 problems in the state; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the coordination of services
to long-term care consumers will require the complete
compliance of the members of the interagency committee on

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1 long-term care with the following requests:

2 A. to produce and implement immediately an
3 integrated and coordinated long-term care system for disabled
4 and elderly New Mexicans;

5 B. to develop a comprehensive plan of the
6 integration of state and federal funding streams, presenting
7 the plan to the legislative finance committee by June 1,
8 2000;

9 C. to develop and implement consumer-directed
10 pilot projects that provide attendant care, respite care,
11 caregiver support and caregiver training services;

12 D. to design a model for long-term care services
13 that integrates and enhances private and other public funding
14 streams, including medicare and medicaid, and present that
15 model to the legislative finance committee by September 1,
16 2000;

17 E. to recommend options to the executive agencies
18 and the legislative finance committee on how to leverage
19 other private and federal funding for pilot projects in long-
20 term care service provision by September 1, 2001;

21 F. to address the inadequate home- and community-
22 based service options by developing public and private
23 service providers and report progress on all of the requests
24 addressed in this memorial to the legislative finance
25 committee every quarter, beginning May 1, 2000;

G. to address long-term care insurance and tax
credits as mechanisms to ensure private sector participation

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1 in long-term care reform; and

2 H. to incorporate consumer and public input at the
3 interagency committee on long-term care level and make all
4 reports and minutes available to the general public and the
5 legislative finance committee; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the legislative finance committee and the
8 interagency committee on long-term care.

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